

strated that no work was accomplished by night sessions. If the Convention would work sedulously through the day and talk a little less, he thought they might get through by the first of August, a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

Mr. Mitchell submitted a substitute that the Convention meet at 9 and sit until 4, which was disagreed to.

The order was then rejected.

Mr. Frank submitted an order that hereafter the Convention meet at 10 A. M., which was adopted.

The report of the committee on the judiciary was then taken up.

Section 3, which was passed over informally on Saturday, was read as follows:

Section 3. The judges of the said several courts shall be elected by the qualified voters in their respective judicial circuits, as hereinafter provided, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next. Each of the said judges shall hold his office during good behavior. In case of inability of any of said judges to discharge their duties with efficiency by reason of continued sickness or of physical or mental infirmity, it shall be in the power of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each house concurring, with the approval of the Governor to retire said judge from office.

Mr. Archer moved an amendment to insert in place of "during good behavior," "for the term of fifteen years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not thereafter."

Mr. Rider moved to amend the amendment by striking out "fifteen" and inserting "twelve."

Mr. Dobbin trusted that this most important question was not to pass sub silentio. The committee had reported that the judges shall hold their office during good behavior, and the amendment of the gentleman from Harford would open all the evils to which the system was